

Investment in the Brush Creek Corridor Public Investment

The Brush Creek Corridor is the location of a significant amount of investment in public infrastructure. Roadway, parkland and other public facility improvements contribute to an enhancement of the area and a rising standard for development.

The primary public entities Investing In the area are:

City of Kansas City, Missouri

Parks, Recreation & Boulevards Department
Public Works Department

Kansas City, Missouri School District

State of Missouri

Department of Conservation
Department of Transportation

University of Missouri-Kansas City

The following chart displays prior and current expenditures on public projects in the Brush Creek Corridor, defined for this study as the area between 39th and 55th Streets, from Main Street to Elwood Avenue. The figures are further described by the following categories: educational facility; flood control and beautification; capital projects; parks & recreation and open space; and other improvements.

The “other improvements” category includes demolition and redevelopment of single family homes on the former site of Little Sisters of the Poor at 53rd Street and Woodland Avenue, and the redevelopment of 4900 Swope Parkway as the Family Resource Center, a multi-agency social service facility.

Significant Public Investment in Brush Creek Corridor (39th-55th, Main-Elmwood) by Category Summary

Project Type	Completed/Underway	Planned
Educational facility	\$20,620,000	\$42,300,000
Flood control & beautification	\$74,530,000	\$16,000,000
Capital projects	\$10,028,000	\$598,000
Parks, recreation and open space	\$13,910,000	\$13,385,000
Other improvements	\$1,600,000	\$1,100,000
TOTAL	\$120,688,000	\$73,383,000

Sources: City of Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri School District;
State of Missouri; University of Missouri-Kansas City

Note that this list does not include two substantial public infrastructure projects: the construction of Bruce Watkins Drive (U.S. 71 Highway) and flood control on the Blue River. Together totaling almost \$450 million, these projects have most of the work occurring outside the Brush Creek Corridor boundaries. However, each has a significant impact on the design, utility and safety of the Corridor. Bruce Watkins (\$215 million) connects this area and the east- west roadways of Brush Creek Boulevard, Volker Boulevard, Swope Parkway and Blue Parkway to the interstate highways of 1-70 (downtown) and 1-435

(south and east). The Blue River flood control improvements (\$234 million) from the Missouri River to 63rd Street complement those made to Brush Creek to enhance public safety along waterways. In addition, other Brush Creek flood control projects outside of this study area include over \$1.6 million in past or current investment and \$30 million in planned projects. These improvements are summarized in the chart below.

Significant Public Investment Beyond Study Boundaries: Summary

Project		
Bruce Watkins Drive	\$215,000,000	
Blue River: Missouri River to 63rd St.	\$234,000,000	
Flood control:		
• Rockwell Lane Bridge		
• Roanoke-State Line study	\$1,200,000	
• Bridges/channel work at State Line, Ward Parkway, Belleview, Roanoke	\$461,000	
		\$30,000,000
TOTAL	\$450,661,000	\$30,000,000

In a closer look at future development, the chart below provides a reference for the timeframe and amount of investment for planned projects. The projects are presented by category in order of the estimated cost of improvements.

Timeframe for Planned Public Investment (39th-55th, Main-Elmwood)

Project	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Educational facility								\$42,300,000
Flood control & beautification								\$16,000,000
Parks, recreation and open space								\$13,385,000
Other improvements								\$1,100,000
Capital projects								\$598,000

The table below provides a detailed summary of major public investment in the Brush Creek Corridor by category and project, including the site address if applicable, amount of project (in the subcategories of “completed/underway” or “planned”) and an indication of whether the project is new construction, renovation or a combination of the two.

Significant Public Investment in Brush Creek Corridor (39th-55th, Main-Elmwood) by Category and Project

Project	Site Address	STATUS		TYPE	
		Completed/ Underway	Planned	New Construction	Renovation
Educational Facility					
UMKC Twin Oaks Apartments	5000 Oak St.	\$7,300,000			*
UMKC Royal Kall & Geosciences	800 E. 52nd St.	\$6,970,000			*
UMKC Flarsheim Science Hall	5110 Rockhill Road	\$2,700,000		*	
KCMSD Chick Elementary	4101 E. 53rd St.	\$1,950,000			*
KCMSD Graceland Elementary	2803 E. 51st St.	\$1,700,000			*
UMKC Twin Oaks Apartments	5000 Oak St.		\$20,000,000		
UMKC Telecommunications	Campus-wide		\$15,000,000		*
UMKC 51st St. Annex	301 E. 51st St.		\$3,500,000		*
UMKC Storage Buildings	1015 E. 50th St.		\$2,500,000		*
UMKC Parking Structure	51st & Rockhill Rd.		\$1,300,000	*	
Subtotal		\$20,620,000	\$42,300,000		
Flood Control & Beautification					
Federal Reach (Roanoke-Tracy)		\$48,190,000		*	*
Paseo Complex & Woodland Bridge		\$22,490,000		*	*
Downstream from Woodland-BRW		\$3,850,000		*	*
Prospect Bridge & Channel Work			\$8,400,000	*	*
Troost Bridge: Study, work, channel			\$7,600,000	*	*
Subtotal		\$74,530,000	\$16,000,000		
Capital Projects					
Blue Parkway Realignment		\$9,600,000		*	
Indiana 43-44 street imp.		\$169,000			*
48th Euclid-Brooklyn street imp.		\$126,000			*
Jackson 43-45 street imp.		\$72,000			*
44th & Benton street imp.		\$31,000			*
50th & Garfield street imp.		\$30,000			*
Garfield 50-51 street imp.			\$135,000		*
Brush Creek BLVD. storm drainage			\$125,000	*	
Blue PKWY. street imp.			\$96,000		*

Benton 44-45 street imp.			\$94,000		*
Agnes 44-45 street imp.			\$90,000		*
Agnes Swope-50 street imp.			\$58,000		*
Subtotal		\$10,028,000	\$598,000		
Parks, Recreation & Open Space					
Parks Department landscaping		\$10,059,000		*	*
Brush Creek Community Center		\$2,400,000		*	
Lake lighting and fountains		\$500,000		*	
BRW waterfall		\$422,000		*	
Blue Hills tennis courts		\$177,000			*
Ampitheater stage		\$151,000		*	
Cleveland Park ballfields		\$120,000			*
Oak Park ballfield & playground		\$80,000			*
MDC Discovery Center			\$7,700,000	*	
MLK Park ice rink			\$5,535,000	*	
Lake of the Enshriners lighting			\$150,000	*	
Subtotal		\$13,910,000	\$13,385,000		
Other Improvements					
Family Resource Center	4900 Swope Parkway	\$1,600,000			*
LSOP single family housing	5300 Woodland Ave.		\$1,100,000	*	
Subtotal		\$1,600,000	\$1,100,000		
Grand Total		\$120,688,000	\$73,383,000		